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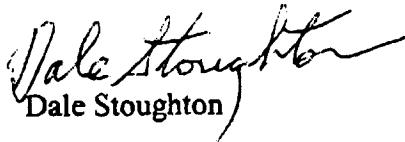
Dear Mr. Ashcroft:

I am writing to let you know how I feel about the recent settlement between Microsoft and the Justice Department. I support the settlement that was reached, and am a supporter of Microsoft as well.

I don't think it was very wise for the government to prosecute Microsoft in the first place. However, it is my belief that the settlement will bring closure to this three-year dispute. The settlement contains seemingly dozens of tough conditions, such as obligating Microsoft to license Windows operating system products to the 20 largest computer makers on identical terms and conditions, including price. Also Microsoft has agreed not to retaliate against its competitors use or promote other software that competes with Microsoft's. These insurance buffers ought to adequately curtail any unfair influence by Microsoft.

Thank you for your continuing good work at the D. O. J.

Sincerely,

  
Dale Stoughton